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Note by the Secretariat

The Secretariat has the honour to bring to the attention of the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management the report prepared by the working group on the global geodetic reference frame, which is available in the language of submission only from the website of the Committee of Experts (http://ggim.un.org/ggim_committee.html). The Committee of Experts is invited to take note of the report and to express its views on the text of a draft resolution to be submitted to the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly at a suitable time in the near future.

Summary of the report

At its third session, held in July 2013, the Committee of Experts recognized the growing demand for positioning services that are more precise and the economic importance of a global geodetic reference frame; the need to improve global cooperation within geodesy, including to openly share data in order to contribute to regional and global reference frames; and the need for appropriate commitment to national contributions aimed at improving national geodetic infrastructure as a means to enhance the global geodetic reference framework. The Committee of Experts unanimously agreed that actions should be taken to facilitate the submission of a resolution to the General Assembly at its sixty-eighth session in order to seek support and commitment at the highest level and requested the Secretariat to establish a working group, with equitable regional representation, to develop the conceptual note and draft text of the resolution through an open and inclusive process.

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The report describes the establishment of the working group on the global geodetic reference frame and the process whereby it formulated the conceptual note and draft text of the resolution to be submitted to the General Assembly at its sixty-eighth session in consultation with Member States and the international scientific community, including the International Association of Geodesy.